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JAPAN/AUSTRIA FUNDS FOR HAMPI
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Japanese and Austrian funding proposals for Hampi were stopped;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to re-negotiate these proposals afresh?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a),(b) &(c) The Government of Karnataka have informed that a loan proposal for the development of Hampi and its surrounding area was made by them in 1997 directly to the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund, Japan.The proposal was rejected by the Japanese authorities at the initial stage itself, and no attempt has been made thereafter to renegotiate the loan. They have further informed that no request was ever made to the Austrian Government for any loan in this regard.